L. Clean Technology

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	125.21

Compensation for forest lands

1060. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the right compensation for forest lands that are converted to non-forest use like, to erect dams, operate mines, construct industries or build roads and in what manner this could be calculated;

(b) whether while giving clearance for such projects, opinion of forest dwellers is considered and environmental impact assessed;

(c) the cultural and spiritual associations of people with forests, or the livelihoods associated with these areas and how they are compensated;

(d) in the last three years how much forest land has been diverted for non forest use; and

(e) whether Government have received any representation from the forest dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No compensation on forest land diverted for non forestry purpose is being charged at present. However, in addition to compensatory afforestation taken up for the land diverted, the Net Present Value is being charged on the basis of forest cover over specific project sites.

(b) In projects requiring environmental clearance, project proponents are required to submit Environment Impact Assessment Report which includes project proposals including the details of public hearing wherever required involving all the stake holders of the project area including the forest dwellers.

(c) Wherever required, the detailed Relief and Rehabilitation (R&R) plan as per the approved R&R policies of State Government and Central Government are taken into account while according environmental and forestry clearances. In cases involving relocation of tribal people, the opinion of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also obtained.

(d) About 2,23,959 hectare of forest land in 5,316 cases has been diverted for non forestry purposes during the period from 01.01.2005 to 31.10.2007.

(e) No Sir.

Pollution in Delhi

†1061. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the country particularly in NCR Delhi pollution is rising constantly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rising level of pollution is adversely affecting the health of people;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.